**The Power of Kind Words**

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Baba and Mansoor are walking home from the masjid after Asr prayer.

Mansoor: Baba, today at the masjid, I heard the Imam say that abusing someone is very bad in Islam. Is it really such a big deal?

Baba: Yes, my dear. Our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said, "Abusing a Muslim is Fusuq (an evil deed), and killing him is Kufr (disbelief)." Do you understand what that means?

Mansoor: Umm… I think so. It means calling someone bad names is wrong. But why is it such a serious matter?

Baba: Because our words have power, my son. Just like a kind word can make someone happy, a hurtful word can deeply wound a person's heart. Allah loves those who speak with kindness and respect.

Mansoor: But Baba, what if someone makes me really angry? Sometimes, my friend Bilal annoys me, and I feel like calling him names.

Baba: I understand, Mansoor. We all get upset sometimes. But a true believer controls his tongue, even when he is angry. Instead of saying something mean, take a deep breath and walk away. Or say something nice—it might even make Bilal stop annoying you.

Mansoor: Hmm… so if I use kind words, I can make things better instead of worse?

Baba: Exactly! Our Prophet ﷺ always spoke gently, even to those who were unkind to him. That's why people loved him so much.

Mansoor: Baba, I think I'll try this next time. I don't want to hurt anyone with my words.

Baba: [smiling] That's my good boy. May Allah bless you with a kind heart and wise words.